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- 1) Response and amendment to the first office action dated 11/25/98, 13 pages.
- 2) Change of Correspondence Address in Pending Patent.
- 3) Petition for Extension of time, one month, check # 407 amount \$ 55-
- 4) Self addressed stamped post card.
- 5) No additional fee for claims is required.
- 6) Revised drawings Figs. 6, 7, 8, 13, and 16 2 pages.
- 7) If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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